

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer-implemented method for facilitating group management functionality, comprising:
 - receiving a request for creating a group activity publication layout;
 - 5 accessing group activity publication layout information in response to receiving said request, wherein said group activity publication layout information designates a plurality of publication content fields and content representation information corresponding to each one of said fields; and
 - 10 preparing a group activity publication layout including at least a portion of said publication content fields, wherein said preparing is performed at least partially dependent upon said representation information.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said group activity publication layout information includes at least one of system-defined information and user-designated information.
- 20 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said content representation information includes, for each one of said publication content fields, at least one of relative content field positioning information, content field size information and instantiation association information.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein said preparing includes associating each one of said publication content fields with a respective portion of information corresponding to a group of members and a group activity participated in by said members.
- 25 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said preparing includes:
 - associating portions of dynamically-maintained information with at least a portion of said publication content fields.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

outputting a displayable representation of the group activity publication layout, wherein the displayable representation includes representing portions of publication content corresponding to each one of said content fields at a respective position thereof.

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7. The method of claim 6 wherein:

at least a portion of said publication content includes dynamically maintained information.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein:

10 said publication content fields include a plurality of system-defined publication content fields and an optional publication content field; a system-defined layout position is associated with each one of said system-defined publication fields; one of a system-defined layout position and a user-specified layout position is associated with the optional publication content field; and preparing the group activity publication layout includes integrating the optional publication content field at said one of the system-defined layout position and the user-specified layout position.

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9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

20 outputting a displayable representation of the group activity publication layout, wherein the displayable representation includes representing portions of publication content corresponding to each one of the system-defined publication content fields at a respective position thereof and representing a portion of said publication content corresponding to the optional publication content field at a respective position thereof.

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10. The method of claim 1 wherein:

said plurality of publication content fields includes textual content fields and
image content fields; and
said preparing includes associating at least a portion of said publication
content fields with dynamically-maintained information.

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11. A system configured for facilitating publication of a group activity publication,
comprising:

at least one data processing device;
instructions processable by said at least one data processing device; and
an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data
processing device;

5 wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data
processing device to facilitate:

receiving a request for creating a group activity publication layout;
10 accessing group activity publication layout information in response to
receiving said request, wherein said group activity publication
layout information designates a plurality of publication content
fields and content representation information corresponding to
each one of said fields; and

15 preparing a group activity publication layout including at least a
portion of said publication content fields, wherein said
preparing is performed at least partially dependent upon said
representation information.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein said group activity publication layout information
20 includes at least one of system-defined information and user-designated
information.

25 13. The system of claim 11 wherein said content representation information includes,
for each one of said publication content fields, at least one of relative content field
positioning information, content field size information and instantiation
association information.

14. The system of claim 11 wherein said preparing includes associating each one of
said publication content fields with a respective portion of information

corresponding to a group of members and a group activity participated in by said members.

15. The system of claim 11 wherein said preparing includes:

associating portions of dynamically-maintained information with at least a portion of said publication content fields.

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16. The system of claim 11 wherein said instructions are further configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:

outputting a displayable representation of the group activity publication layout, wherein the displayable representation includes representing portions of publication content corresponding to each one of said content fields at a respective position thereof.

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17. The system of claim 16 wherein:

at least a portion of said publication content includes dynamically maintained information.

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18. The system of claim 11 wherein:

said publication content fields include a plurality of system-defined publication content fields and an optional publication content field; a system-defined layout position is associated with each one of said system-defined publication fields;

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one of a system-defined layout position and a user-specified layout position is associated with the optional publication content field; and preparing the group activity publication layout includes integrating the optional publication content field at said one of the system-defined layout position and the user-specified layout position.

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19. The system of claim 18 wherein said instructions are further configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:

outputting a displayable representation of the group activity publication
layout, wherein the displayable representation includes representing
portions of publication content corresponding to each one of the
system-defined publication content fields at a respective position
thereof and representing a portion of said publication content
corresponding to the optional publication content field at a respective
position thereof.

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said plurality of publication content fields includes textual content fields and
image content fields; and
said preparing includes associating at least a portion of said textual content
fields with dynamically-maintained information.

21. A computer-implemented method for facilitating creation of a group activity publication, comprising:
- receiving user-designated content option designations for a group activity publication layout over a computer network connection after
5 facilitating display of corresponding user-designated content options for the group activity publication on a website; and
preparing a group activity publication layout in accordance with said user-designated publication content options.
22. The method of claim 21 wherein said user-selected content options include at least
10 one of optional group indicia, optional publication fields and optional group member profile content.
23. The method of claim 22 wherein:
said user-selected content option designations include a designation specifying
15 an optional publication field; and
preparing the group activity publication layout includes integrating the optional publication content field at one of a system-defined layout position and the user-specified layout position.
24. The method of claim 21 wherein preparing the group activity publication layout includes formatting a default group activity publication layout with at least one of optional group indicia, an optional publication field and optional group member
20 profile content.
25. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
accessing group activity publication layout information in response to
receiving said user-designated content option designations, wherein
25 said group activity publication layout information designates a plurality of publication content fields and content representation information corresponding to each one of said fields and wherein said

preparing is performed at least partially dependent upon said content representation information.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising:

5 displaying a representation of the group activity publication layout after performing said preparing.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein:

the representation includes a plurality of system-defined publication content fields and an optional publication content field; and
said displaying includes displaying portions of dynamically-maintained
10 information in at least one of respective ones of said system-defined publication content fields and the optional publication content field.

28. A system configured for facilitating publication of a group activity publication,
comprising:
at least one data processing device;
instructions processable by said at least one data processing device; and
an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data
processing device;
wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data
processing device to facilitate:
receiving user-designated content option designations for a group
activity publication layout over a computer network connection
after facilitating display of corresponding user-designated
content options for the group activity publication on a website;
and
preparing a group activity publication layout in accordance with said
user-designated publication content options.
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29. The method of claim 28 wherein said user-selected content options include at least
one of optional group indicia, optional publication fields and optional group
member profile content.
30. The method of claim 29 wherein:
said user-selected content option designations include a designation specifying
an optional publication field; and
preparing the group activity publication layout includes integrating the
optional publication content field at one of a system-defined layout
position and the user-specified layout position.
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31. The method of claim 28 wherein preparing the group activity publication layout
includes formatting a default group activity publication layout with at least one of
optional group indicia, an optional publication field and optional group member
profile content.

32. The method of claim 28, further comprising:

accessing group activity publication layout information in response to
receiving said user-designated content option designations, wherein
said group activity publication layout information designates a
plurality of publication content fields and content representation
information corresponding to each one of said fields and wherein said
preparing is performed at least partially dependent upon said content
representation information.

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33. The method of claim 32, further comprising:

10 displaying a representation of the group activity publication layout after
performing said preparing.

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34. The method of claim 33 wherein:

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the representation includes a plurality of system-defined publication content
fields and an optional publication content field; and
said displaying includes displaying portions of dynamically-maintained
information in at least one of respective ones of said system-defined
publication content fields and the optional publication content field.

35. A website structure including displayable content configured for facilitating
formatting of a group activity publication layout, said displayable content of the
website structure comprising:
5 a collection of active publication sections;
 a creation status field associated with each one of said active publication
 sections, wherein the creation status field designates a current creation
 status of a respective active publication section.
36. The method of claim 35, further comprising:
10 a collection of publication content options.
37. The website structure of claim 36 wherein the collection of publication content
options includes at least one of optional group indicia, optional publication fields
and optional group member profile content.
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38. The website structure of claim 35 wherein the collection of active publication
sections include at least a portion of a team roster section, a participant profile
section, an activity results section, a headlines section, an activity summary
section, a narrative comments section, an image gallery section and a sponsor
section.
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39. The website structure of claim 35 wherein, for each one of said active publication
sections, the current creation status is one of a status designating that preparation
of the section is in-progress, a status designating that preparation of the section is
completed and a status designating that preparation of the section is yet to begin.
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40. The website of claim 35, further comprising:
 a section preview edit selection associated with each one of said active
 publication sections, wherein the section preview edit selection enables
 content of a respective active publication section to be edited.

41. The website of claim 40, further comprising:
a print approval field associated with each one of said active publication
sections, wherein the print approval field designates a current print
approval status of a respective active publication section.
- 5 42. The website structure of claim 41 wherein, for each one of said active publication
sections, the current print approval status is one of a status designating that the
section is approved for printing and a status designating that the section is not yet
approved for printing.

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